



ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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TO: Division File

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SUBJECT: Sandoval/Sandoval Zinc
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On May 2, 1991, I travelled to the Sandoval Zinc site in order to observe the installation of a fence around the site prior to sealing the property. Upon arrival, the OHM technicians were setting the fence poles on the north side of the site in concrete. The installation of the poles on the south side had been completed.

Several weeks ago, the newspapers and cardboard stored in the northeast building had caught fire. The blaze was severe enough to cause the structural I-beams and side panels to bend and collapse. Photographs of the interior of the building were taken.

The remaining structures on the property were inspected. It was noted that most of the metal equipment and the recycleables that had been observed in the buildings during previous site visits were now gone. Because this material had been present at the time that Mr. White had been advised of the levels of contamination on the property and had been told not to remove any materials from the site, it is apparent that he violated those instructions and removed heavily contaminated materials from the site. Photographs of the building contents and equipment locations were taken.

In the southwest building, it was noted that in the removal of equipment, some oily liquid was spilled.

I then walked around the pond. Children's footprints could be seen in the soft creek sediments. Well defined trails were also found surrounding the pond. Discussions with the property owner to the south, [redacted] indicated that area children frequent the pond and site, fish from the pond and consume the fish taken from the pond. Analysis of the pond sediments by Ebasco in 1990 detected the presence of very high levels of lead and other metals.

Upon returning to the vehicles, I met the owner of the adjacent property to the south: [redacted] He told me that the fence was going to interfere with his access to a piece of property he farms to the southeast. We discussed several solutions to the problem. I suggested that he send a letter to the Agency for inclusion in the file detailing the damage that the site has caused to his property and including any questions he had. [redacted] then told me that the area

children frequent the area and consider the pond and the
shelter property to be their playground. Mr. Brink gave me
his address:

Sandoval, Illinois 62882

After Mr. Briggs had departed, the OHM technicians told me
that Mr. White had come to the property asking about the
fence. He had stated that he had not been consulted before
it was installed.

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